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REF: JAKARTA 12609 (150900Z OCT 75)

BEGIN SUMMARY: JAKARTA PRESS FEATURES FURTHER VICTORIES

BY PROINDONESIAN FORCES IN PT, IN NEW OFFENSIVE AIMED

ULTIMATELY AT DILI. GOI INTELLIGENCE AIDE CONFIRMED

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TO POLCOUNS THAT OFFENSIVE IS MAJOR EFFORT TO REGAIN

CONTROL OVER PT FROM FRETRELIN FORCES, OT AT MINIMUM
FORCE FRETRELIN TO NEGOTIATING TABLE. GOI FONMIN MALIK
IN MEETING WITH AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR REPORTDCLY URGED
CONTINUED AUSTRALIAN IMPARTIALITY AND AGREED TO GOA REQUEST FOR
ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING FIVE AUSTRALIAN JOURNALISTS
MISSING IN PT. (BODIES OF FOUR WHITES DISCOVERED IN
PT MAY BE MISSING JOURNALISTS). NEGOTIATION SITUATION
REMAINS UNCERTAIN, WITH ANTICOMMUNIST MOVEMENT (ACM)
REFUSAL TO NEGOTIATE IF GOP REQUIRES RELEASE OF 23
CAPTURED SOLDIERS AS PRECONDITION, AND STATEMENT BY
FONMIN MALIK TO AMBASSADOR THAT HE WOULD MEET WITH GOP
FONMIN IN ROME NOV 1. END SUMMARY END CONFIDENTIAL
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1. BATTLEFIELD. ACCORDING JAKARTA PRESS REPORTS, APODETI/ACM
OFFENSIVE PROGRESSING APACE IN PT. TOWNS OF BALIBO
(APPROX 15 KM FROM INDONESIAN BORDER) AND MALIANA
(25 KM EAST OF BALIBO) REPORTED TO HAVE FALLEN TO
APODETI/ACM OCT 16. JAKARTA PRESS OCT 20 QUOTES UDT
LEADER LOPEZ DA CRUZ AS STATING BALIBO/MALIANA DRIVE
WILL BE FOLLOWED BY ATTACKS ON BOBONARO, ATSABE, AND
MAUBISSE AS STAGES OF OFFENSIVE WHOSE ULTIMATE OBJECTIVE
IS PT CAPITAL DILI. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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2. ALI MURTOPO AIDE TOLD POLCOUNS THAT APODETI/ACM
OFFENSIVE IN PT, WHICH HE SAID COMMENCED IN EARNEST
OCT 15, EXPECTED TO GAIN MOMENTUM OVER COMING WEEK AND
RESULT IN SUBSTANTIAL APODETI/ACM VICTORIES IF NOT
COMPLETE CONTROL OVER PT WITHIN ONE MONTH(IE PRIOR
TO ONSET OF RAINY SEASON). AIDE SAID APODETI/ACM
FORCES CONSISTED OF 3,800 "VOLUNTEERS."
AIDE ALSO STRESSED THAT FRETRELIN HAD BEEN
PUT ON NOTICE BY OFFENSIVE THAT UNILATERAL FRETRELIN RESOLUTION
OF PT SITUATION WOULD NOT BE PERMITTED BY INDONESIA, SUGGESTING
THAT GOI HAD NOT COMPLETELY CLOSED DOOR TO NEGOTIATED
SETTLEMENT WITH FRETRELIN PARTICIPATION. END CONFIDENTIAL
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3. MALIK/WOOLCOTT MEETING--MISSING AUSTRALIAN
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JOURNALISTS. GOI FONMIN MALIK TOLD PRESS FOLLOWING
MEETING WITH GOA AMBASSADOR WOOLCOTT OCT 18 AHT
INDONESIA HOPED AUSTRALIA WOULD AVOID FRETRELIN ATTEMPTS
TO INVOLVE AUSTRALIA IN PT SITUATION IN ANY WAY WHICH
MIGHT DISTURB GOI-GOA RELATIONS. MALIK REPORTEDLY
DENIED TO WOOLCOTT THAT INDONESIAN TROOPS HAD ENTERED
PT. PRESS REPORTS STATE WOOLCOTT REQUESTED GOI ASSIST-
ANCE IN LOCATING FIVE AUSTRALIAN JOURNALISTS MISSING

IN PT(PRESS REPORTS OCT 20 STATE BODIES OF FOUR
WHITES, POSSIBLY THOSE OF AUSTRALIAN REPORTERS, FOUND
IN RUBBLE OF A BUILDING IN BALIBO.)

4. NEGOTIATIONS. INDONESIAN STATE NEWS AGENCY ANTARA
OCT 17 REPORTED THAT ACM LEADERSHIP HAD SENT LETTER TO
PORTUGUESE PRESIDENT REFUSING TO PARTICIPATE IN NEGOTI-
ATIONS ON PT IF GOP INSISTED ON RELEASE OF 23
PORTUGUESE SOLDIERS HELD BY ACM AS PRIOR CONDITION FOR
TALKS. COPIES OF LETTER REPORTEDLY SENT TO GOI, GOA
AND UN DECOLONIZATION COMMISSION. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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5. MALIK TOLD AMBASSADOR IN MEETING OCT 18 THAT HE
WOULD TRAVEL TO ROME FOR DISCUSSIONS OF PT
PROBLEM WITH PORTUGUDSE FONMIN ON NOV 1. MALIK DID NOT
INDICATE WHETHER HE EXPECTED REPRESENTATIVES OF PT PARTIES ALSO
TO BE PRESENT AT TALKS, BUT IMPLIED THAT TALKS WOULD BE BILATERAL AND
SEPARATE FROM PROPOSED GOP-PT PARTIES NEGOTIATIONS.
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6. REFUGEES. LOCAL PRESS CONTINUES REPORTING ON
INDONESIAN EFFORTS TO CARE FOR PT REFUGEES AND BURDEN
IMPOSED ON GOI BY REFUGDE SITUATION. MALIK REPORTED AS
TELLING WOOLCOTT THAT REFUGEES WOULD BE REPATRI-
ATED TO PT, UNDER PROTECTION OF SECURITY GUARDS IF
NECESSARY, AND JAKARTA PAPERS OCT 20 REPORT THAT AS
OCT 17 SOME REFUGEES HAD BEGUN TO RETURN TO APODETI/
ACM CONTROLLED TERRITORY. NEWSOM

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